

Sacramento Administration

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California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation

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NRHP Status Code 4S7, 6Z

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Review Code: _____ Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

Resource Identifier: Davis Mobile Equipment Facility

- P1. Location:** a. County: Yolo and (Address and/or UTM Coordinates. Attach Location Map as required.)
b. Address: 5950 Chiles Road
City: Davis Zip: 95616
c. UTM: USGS Quad Davis (x 7.5' 15') Date: 1952 (Rev. 1981) Zone: 10 mE: 615720 mN: 4268220
d. Other location data: (Enter parcel #, legal description, directions to resource, and/or other location data if appropriate)

APN: a portion of 68-050-08

Legal: located in the NE 1/4 of Section 7 Township 8 North Range 3 East MDB&M.

- P2. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, size, setting, and boundaries as relevant)

A circa 1935 residence and circa 1937 equipment shed are the only pre-1946 buildings identified at this site. The residence reportedly is a converted barn, which was erected circa 1922. The S-5 Form for the site appears to give a construction date of 1935 for the residence. The house is a two story rectangular wood frame building with asphalt composition shingles over a gable roof. The gable side, front entry is covered by a full width (17' x 33') enclosed concrete patio. The patio enclosure has a shed roof and the wood frame walls feature a row of fixed pane windows just below the cornice. Another row of 1/1/1 (no mullions) wood frame sliding windows is below this upper row. A 1 pane/1 panel entry door is located on the east end. The house has a concrete perimeter foundation, "v" rustic siding, a mixture of older multi-pane double hung wood frame windows and newer 1/1 aluminum frame sliders. Eaves have fascia boards. A rear service porch is located on the west end of the south elevation. A 14' x 25' shed roof addition extends easterly along the south elevation from the service porch. An 8' x 24' room addition has been constructed on the eastern end of the rear addition. It ties in with the rear addition. This later vintage room addition has plywood panel siding. The front patio enclosure and rear additions have asphalt composition, rolled roofing. The house has an internally accessed poured concrete basement. (See continuation page)

- P3. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District

P4. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects)



East and north elevations of the former ranger's residence.

P5. Date Constructed/Age:

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both
1935 & 1937 (E)
CDF Property Records

P6. Owner and Address:

California Department of
Forestry & Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

P7. Recorded by:

(Name, affiliation, address)

Mark V. Thornton
Historian-Consultant
P. O. Box 192
Groveland, Ca. 95321

P8. Date Recorded:

May 2, 1994

P9. Type of Survey:

☒ Intensive
☐ Reconnaissance ☐ Other

Describe: building survey
and historical assessment

- P10. Report Citations:** (Provide full citation or enter "none") A Survey and Historic Significance Evaluation of the CDF
Building Inventory, 1994 Mark V. Thornton

Attachments: ☐ NONE ☒ Location Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐ Linear Resource Record

☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record

☐ Other (list): _____

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An associated residence garage is located to the west of the house. The building was reportedly erected in the early 1980s and consists salvaged material.

The equipment shed is a rectangular, single story wood frame building. It has a concrete slab foundation, plywood and batten over "v" rustic siding, plain fascia, and corrugated metal panels over a gable roof. The 4,192 square foot building serves as a surplus equipment storage shed. The northeast corner has a small office with 1/1 aluminum frame sliding windows. The south gable end has three 1/1 metal frame casement windows off-set to the right. The west elevation has two overhead aluminum sectional doors asymmetrically placed with three 1/1/1 aluminum frame sliding windows (center pane is fixed) in between. Entry doors have a single upper wire mesh glass pane.

In the early 1980s two new buildings were constructed at this site. One serves as a combination warehouse and office building, the other is an automotive shop. These buildings replaced older facilities. They are located to the west of the equipment shed. Further west, behind the automotive shop, is a single story wood frame storage building. It has a concrete slab foundation, lapboard siding, fixed pane wood frame windows, plain fascia, and corrugated metal panels over a gable roof. An overhead wood garage door is located gable side on the west elevation. The 592 square foot building may predate 1946, being used originally as a field office for the California Division of Highways.

The compound is on level ground. It is bounded on the north by Chiles Road and on the west by the Davis Nursery. Landscaping around the house consists mostly of lawn with some shrubs and trees. Trees and lawn are also located in a landscaped island between the equipment shed and auto shop. Large paved driveways and parking areas extend across the fronts of the equipment facility buildings. Graveled outdoor storage areas cover most of the parcel behind the office-warehouse and auto shop.



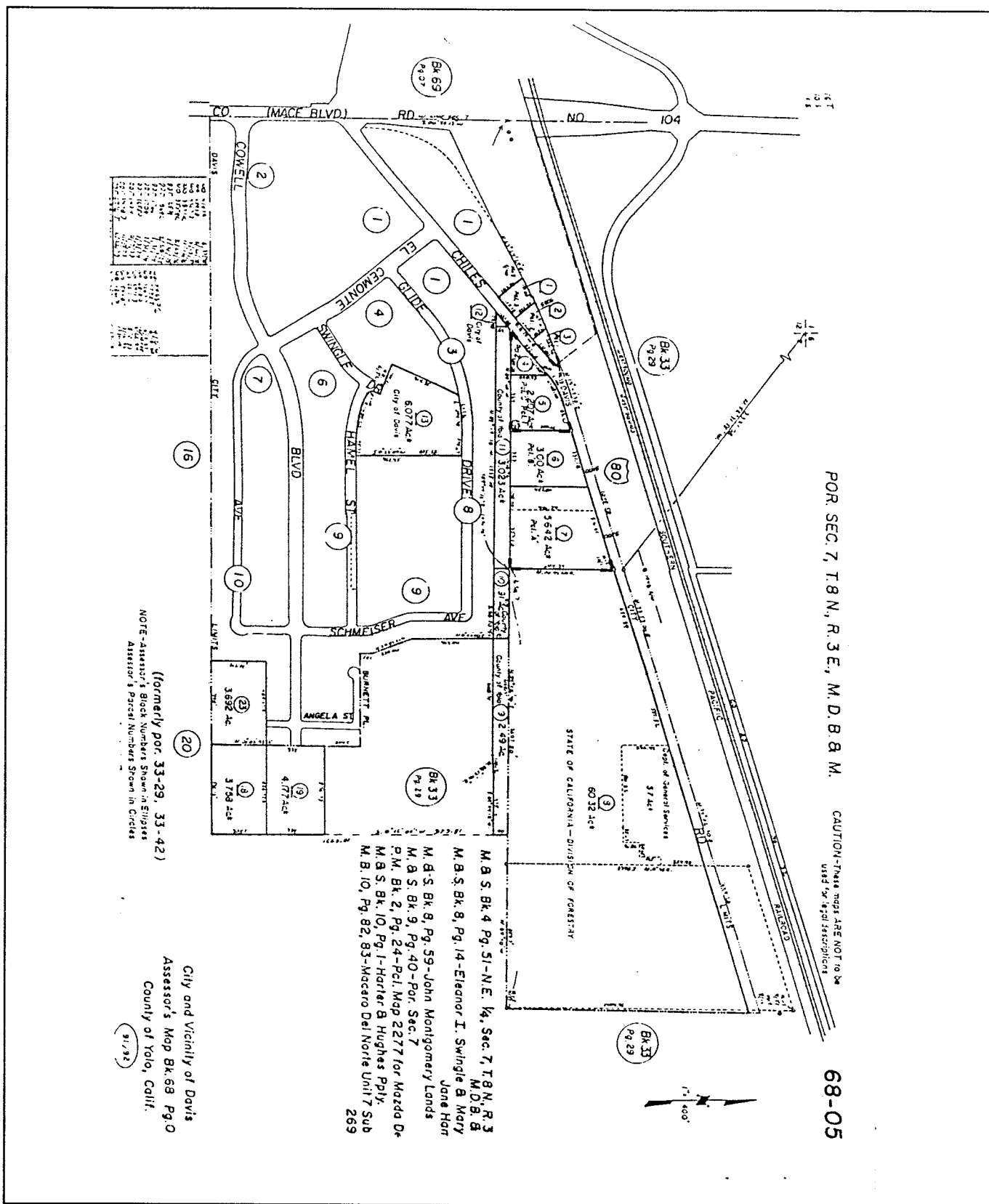
West and south elevations of the equipment shed.

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Map Name: Yolo County Tax Assessor's Map: Book 68 Page 5 **Scale:** reduced scale **Date:** 1994



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B1. Historic Name: Davis Equipment Facility Residence

B2. Common Name: Davis Mobile Equipment Facility Residence

B3. Address: 5950 Chiles Road

City: Davis

County: Yolo

Zip: 95616

B4. Zoning: _____ B5. Threats: planned demolition

B6. Architectural Style: Colonial Revival

B7. Alterations and Date(s):

A two story barn with gambrel roof was erected for the Davis Nursery in the early 1920s. Circa 1935 the barn was reportedly moved and converted to the subject house. Fenestration, infrastructure, and other elements were all redesigned and/or replaced, to what extent is unknown. Date of front patio enclosure is unknown. Small bedroom addition on east end constructed circa 1981. Dates of window and roofing replacements estimated as 1970s.

B8. Moved? ☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: Circa 1940 Original Location: several yards to the north and west

B9. Related Features:

Equipment shed, area landscaping, neighboring Davis Nursery facilities.

B10. Architect: Barn: State Division of Architect, house: unknown Builder: CDF; WPA

B11. Historic Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2, HP35 -- former ranger's residence, CCC/WPA property

B12. Significance: Theme Forestry and wildland fire protection Area State-wide

Period of Significance 1921 to the present Property Type state forestry residence Applicable Criteria A & D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The original barn was part of the Davis Nursery complex. The nursery complex was constructed in 1921-22 with a colonial revival architectural theme. The barn reportedly was reconstructed into the existing house in the late 1930s. (One source indicates 1935 for the reconstruction and another source says it was moved and reconstructed circa 1940). Historic photographs show that the barn underwent substantial alteration in becoming a house. Emergency Conservation Works funds and labor were probably utilized for the reconstruction project. The house served as a "ranger's residence" from the 1940s until the 1970s. The historic significance evaluation (NRHP status code) is based on the integrity and importance of the house not the barn. The house has experienced several changes over the years but still retains a good degree of its historic architectural character.

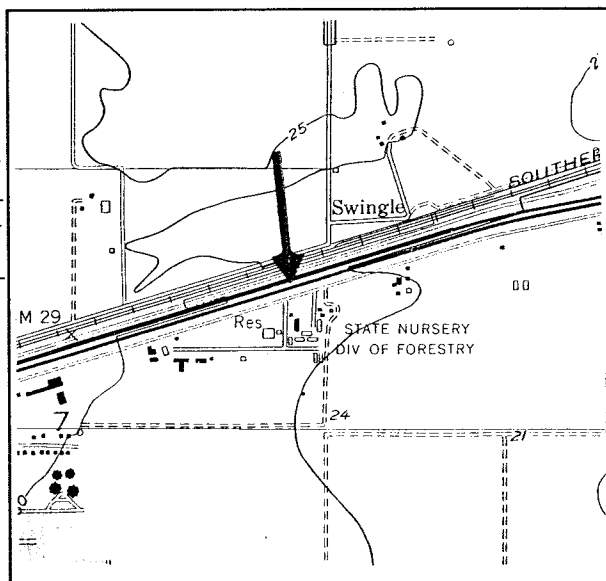
B13. References: *A Survey and Historic Significance Evaluation of the CDF Building Inventory*. "S-5 Inventory/Photo Album," CDF Technical Services, Sacramento.
Property records, Davis Nursery.

B14. Evaluator: Mark V. Thornton, Historian-Consultant for CDF

Affiliation/Address: California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

B15. Date of Evaluation: November 1994

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B1. Historic Name: Davis Equipment Facility Equipment Shed

B2. Common Name: Davis Mobile Equipment Facility Equipment Shed

B3. Address: 5950 Chiles Road
City: Davis County: Yolo Zip: 95616

B4. Zoning: _____ B5. Threats: unknown

B6. Architectural Style: Craftsman-Bungalow

B7. Alterations and Date(s):

Original fenestration changed, date unknown; building remodeled 1983.

B8. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

B9. Related Features:

Ranger's residence, area landscaping.

B10. Architect: Forest Service - CCC construction program Builder: CCC

B11. Historic Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP9, HP35 -- public utility building, CCC/WPA property

B12. Significance: Theme Forestry and wildland fire protection Area State-wide

Period of Significance 1937 to the present Property Type fire suppression facility Applicable Criteria A & D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

This is the longest equipment shed in the CDF system that predates 1946. The remodeling that took place in the early 1980s has obfuscated its original architectural design. The building is believed to be based on one of the USFS-CCC "N" series working plans. Due to the extensive revisions, it has lost much of its historic integrity.

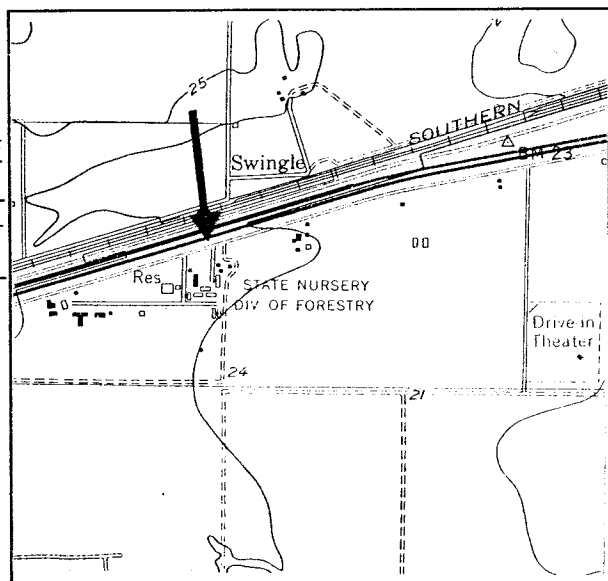
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NRHP Status Code 3S, 3D, 4S2

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Resource Identifier: Davis Nursery

P1. Location: a. County: Yolo and (Address and/or UTM Coordinates. Attach Location Map as required.)
b. Address: 5800 Chiles Road
City: Davis Zip: 95616
c. UTM: USGS Quad Davis (x 7.5 '15') Date: 1952 (Rev. 1981) Zone: 10 mE: 615420 mN: 4268100
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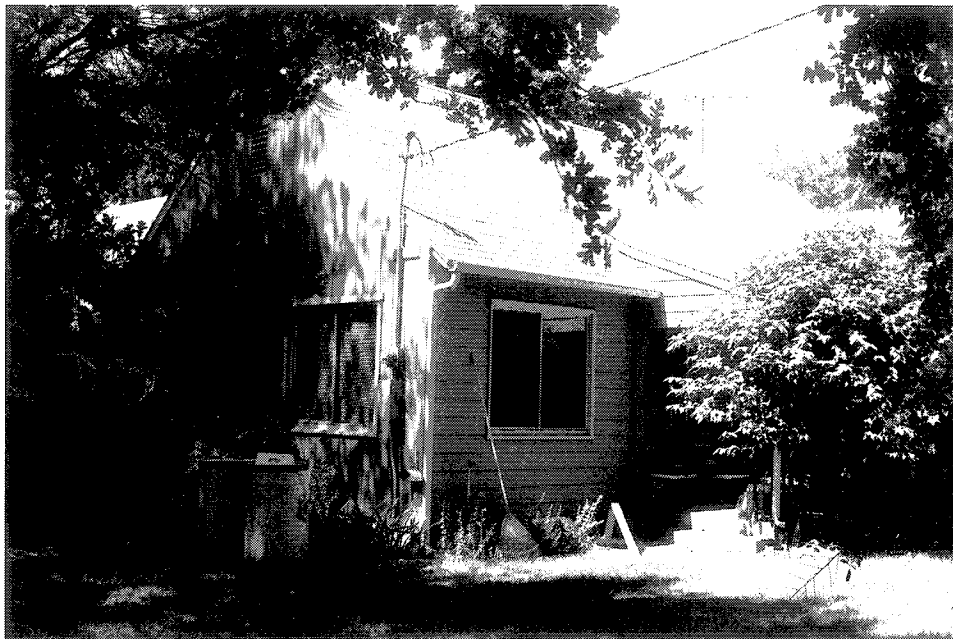
Legal: located in the NE 1/4 of Section 7 Township 8 North Range 3 East MDB&M.

P2. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, size, setting, and boundaries as relevant)

The Davis Nursery has a large collection of buildings. The oldest building is a single story residence located toward the east end of the compound. The house was constructed circa 1921 and has been moved twice in the intervening years. The 1,462 square foot building has a concrete perimeter foundation, 1/1 aluminum frame sliding windows, plain fascia, and asphalt composition shingles. Siding on the front elevation is lapboard, all of the other walls are clad with plywood paneling. The gable side, front entry is recessed under an extended shed roof which is supported by wrought iron posts. This roof covers a small entry porch. A small gable front wing bounds the porch on the right. Another gabled cross wing is located on the southeast corner of the house. This rear elevation addition has a hip roof covered, enclosed porch located gable end. A small concrete patio is on the south side of the house. An associated circa 1940 garage stands to the southwest of the house. It features a concrete slab foundation, "v" rustic siding, and a simple gable roof. The two stall gable end entry has a single double wide garage door. The yard around the house and garage is landscaped with lawn, shrubs, and trees. Near the entrance to the nursery is a circa 1940 barn. It has a concrete slab foundation, drop board and batten siding, open eaves, and corrugated metal paneling over a gable roof. (see continuation page)

P3. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District

P4. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects)



Northeast side of the state residence.

P5. Date Constructed/Age:

☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both
1921, 1940, & 1940 (E)
CDF Property Records

P6. Owner and Address:

California Department of
Forestry & Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

P7. Recorded by:

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Groveland, Ca. 95321

P8. Date Recorded:

May 2 & July 12, 1994

P9. Type of Survey:

☒ Intensive
☐ Reconnaissance ☐ Other

Describe: building survey
and historical assessment

P10. Report Citations: (Provide full citation or enter "none") A Survey and Historic Significance Evaluation of the CDF
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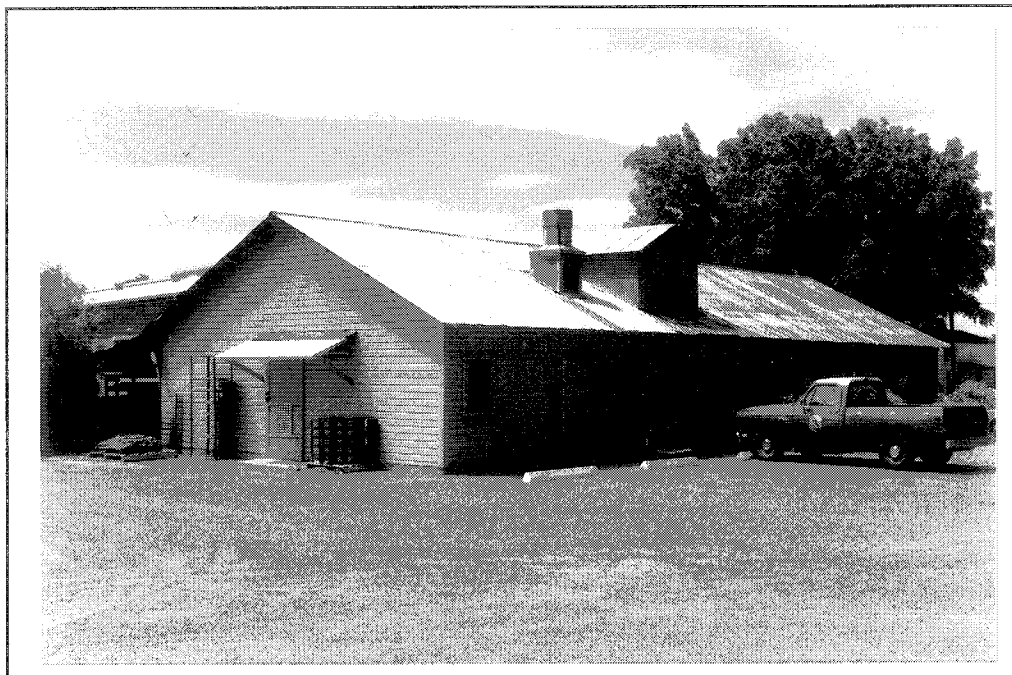
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North elevation of the residence garage.

The 2,700 square foot barn was originally 50' x 31' but a 10' x 50' shed roof west addition and a 31' x 25' gabled south addition have been added. A 24' by 10' shed roof shelter is on the south end of the west addition (west of south addition). This shelter is open on the south and has a row of fiberglass panels along the west wall. A cantilevered shed roof shades the south gable end entry to the barn. An overhead track sliding door is located on the north gable end, with hinged double doors located in the gable above. A gable "dormer" unit on the east slope of the roof marks the location where an internal elevator mechanism (for seed transport) once existed. A former 1952 house and garage, now office and conference room, are east of the barn. A number of newer vintage nursery buildings are to the south and west.



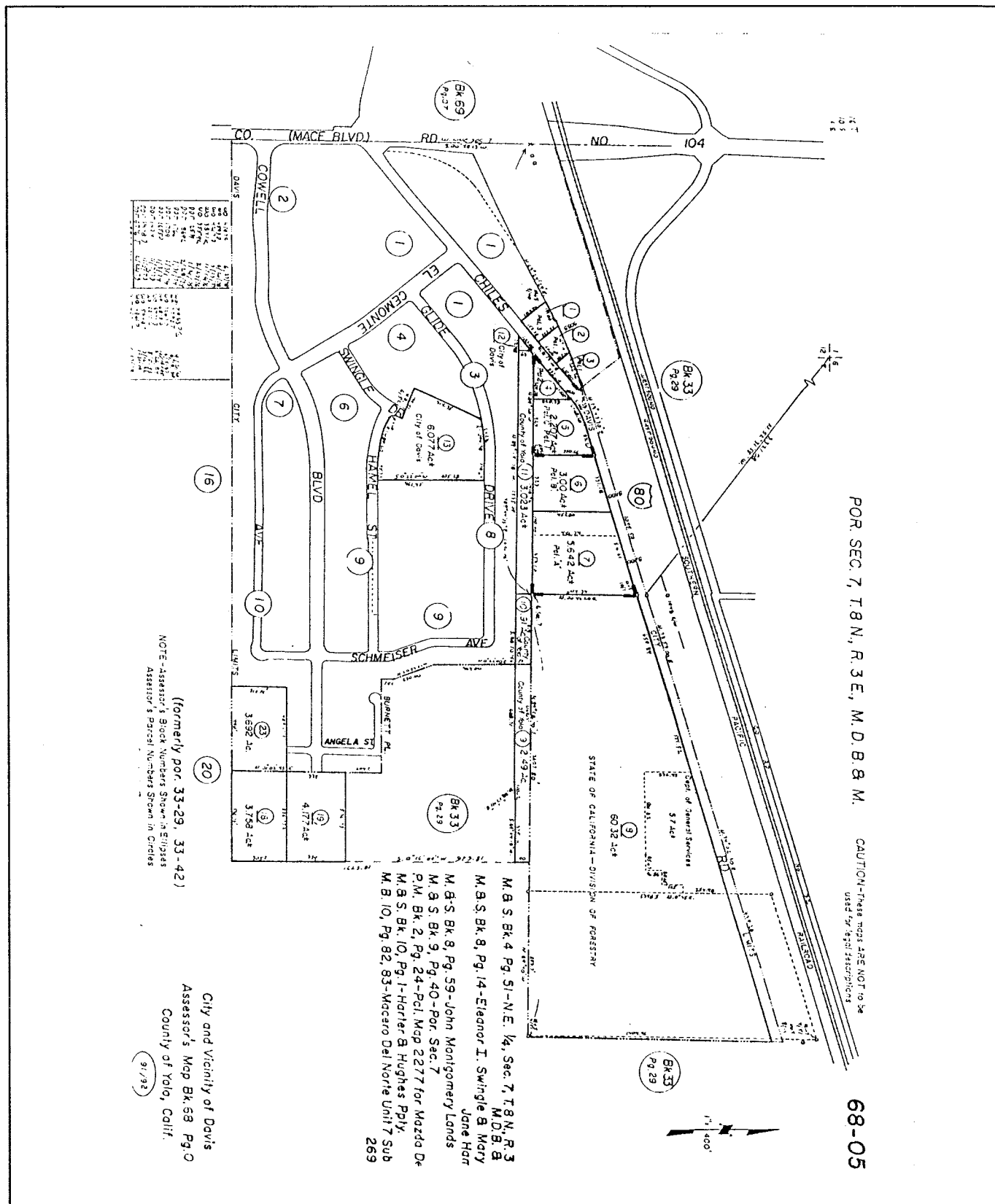
South and east elevations of the barn.

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Scale: reduced scale **Date:** 1994



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B1. Historic Name: Davis Nursery Residence

B2. Common Name: Davis Nursery and L. A. Moran Reforestation Center Residence

B3. Address: 5800 Chiles Road

City: Davis

County: Davis

Zip: 95616

B4. Zoning: _____

B5. Threats: none

B6. Architectural Style: Colonial Revival

B7. Alterations and Date(s):

Circa 1922 house relocated 1940 to make way for road construction, moved again 1959 to make way for the Highway 40 (Interstate 80) construction project (reference CDF Plan 4452 SC). Fenestration is basically original. The windows and siding were replaced in the 1980s. A rear addition on the west end has been removed. A rear addition was constructed circa 1988 on the east end. Front porch posts replaced and other revisions, dates unknown.

B8. Moved? ☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: C. 1940, 1959 Original Location: a short distance to the northwest

B9. Related Features:

Contemporary buildings have all been removed, house is part of a complex of nursery buildings

B10. Architect: State Engineer

Builder: CDF

B11. Historic Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2 -- state owned single family residence

B12. Significance: Theme Forestry and wildland fire protection Area State-wide

Period of Significance 1921 to the present Property Type fire suppression facility Applicable Criteria A & D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

C. Raymond Clar's book, *California Government and Forestry: from Spanish days to 1927*, reports that the California Legislature authorized the State Board of Forestry to establish a nursery in 1917. In 1920 the State Highway Commission offered to cooperate with the Board of Forestry in securing thirty acres. In 1921, the Legislature approved \$20,000 for the construction of buildings upon the site. Clar's book reports that the "State Engineer" drafted plans for "two residences" and several other buildings in "a colonial design" (pgs 476-477). This house appears to be the sole survivor from that construction project. Although redesigned across the rear elevation, and cosmetically altered overall, the building still reflects its historic heritage. This is the only pre-1934 house in the CDF building collection.

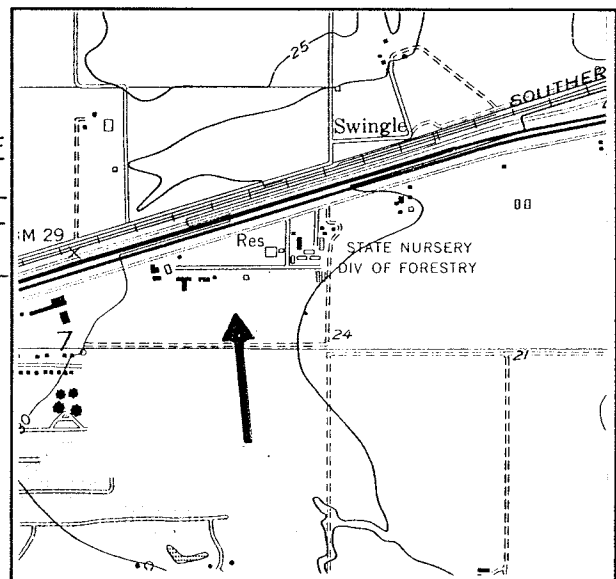
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B14. Evaluator: Mark V. Thornton, Historian-Consultant for CDF

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Resource Identifier: Davis Nursery

B1. Historic Name: Davis Nursery Residence Garage

B2. Common Name: Davis Nursery and L. A. Moran Reforestation Center Residence Garage

B3. Address: 5800 Chiles Road

City: Davis

County: Davis

Zip: 95616

B4. Zoning: _____ B5. Threats: none

B6. Architectural Style: Craftsman-Bungalow

B7. Alterations and Date(s):

Minor cosmetic alterations, two stall entry converted to single double wide entry, date(s) unknown.

B8. Moved? ☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: 1959 Original Location: a short distance to the north

B9. Related Features:

State residence.

B10. Architect: based on Forest Service-CCC "J" series plans

Builder: WPA (?)

B11. Historic Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP4, HP35 -- residence garage, CCC/WPA property

B12. Significance: Theme Forestry and wildland fire protection Area State-wide

Period of Significance 1940 to the present Property Type fire suppression facility Applicable Criteria A & D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The S-5 Form lists an 18' x 28' garage constructed 1940. This is believed to be that building. It would have been moved in 1959 along with the associated house. The building's design conforms to the USFS-CCC "J" type residence garages constructed at fire stations and ranger stations in the 1930s. A similar building with higher historic architectural integrity is located at the San Andreas Ranger Unit Headquarters.

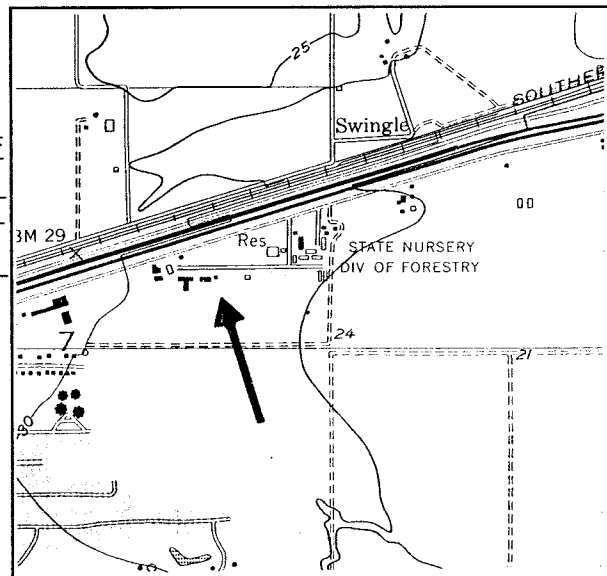
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B2. Common Name: Davis Nursery and L. A. Moran Reforestation Center Barn

B3. Address: 5800 Chiles Road

City: Davis

County: Davis

Zip: 95616

B4. Zoning:

B5. Threats: entropy

B6. Architectural Style: Craftsman-Bungalow

B7. Alterations and Date(s):

Original circa 1940 barn enlarged prior to 1952 with 11' x 50' west addition (for housing refrigeration equipment) and 31' x 25' south gable end addition.

B8. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

B9. Related Features:

Contemporary buildings have all been removed, barn is part of a complex of nursery buildings

B10. Architect: unknown

Builder: CCC (?)

B11. Historic Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP9, HP35 -- public utility building, CCC/WPA property

B12. Significance: Theme Forestry and wildland fire protection Area State-wide

Period of Significance 1930s to the present Property Type fire suppression facility Applicable Criteria A & D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

This is the only pre-1946 barn in the CDF collection included in this report. Some sources indicate this barn was constructed of salvaged material from older nursery buildings. Under this scenario, the building was reconstructed by the CCC in the late 1930s. The barn consists of three sections which appear to be of different ages. The original section (50' x 31') may be based on one of the USFS-CCC construction era "M" series designs. Based on appearance and various site maps, the additions are believed to have been in place by 1952. The building does maintain a degree of its historic character.

B13. References: *A Survey and Historic Significance Evaluation of the CDF Building Inventory.* "S-5 Inventory/Photo Album," CDF Technical Services, Sacramento. "Davis Nursery File" Archeology Section, CDF Sacramento. Property records, Davis Nursery.

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